

Unions Demand Private Contractors Erect Worcester Public Buildings

**Having Work Done By WPA
Will Increase Cost 25 Per Cent,
Labor Spokesmen Claim.**

Worcester, Mass.—The Building and Construction Trades Council of Worcester and the Worcester Central Labor Union, affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, are united

in the belief that Worcester could save 25 per cent in the cost of building the proposed stadium at the High School Athletic Field, an addition to the City Hospital, and other work contemplated, the cost of which is estimated at about \$400,000, if awarded to private building contractors instead of having the construction done under Works Projects Administration plans.

Organized labor here also contends that the city is not equipped with adequate machinery to carry out

This entire subject was thoroughly discussed by the delegates to the Central Conference of Building Trades Unions when acting on a resolution opposing "the proposed takeover of the WPA and favoring having it done by private contractors." The delegates also passed a resolution said, "our officials," the complete dissatisfaction with the proposed WPA Building Program by the building trades unions. We favor this in the interest of contractors who have spent years acquiring machinery, equipment, skill and financial standing to build for the Government on behalf of hundreds of skilled mechanics (citizens of our city) that are de-

men working on construction sites because some minor or other low paid member of the family is working or because of the family placed on thrift and saving by WPA regulations, that compel him to remain unemployed, a cowed watching mechanics being made in an industry that is already over populated.

UNION DAIRY PLAN FOR SAN DIEGO COMPLETED

By A. F. of a Weekly News Service.
San Diego, Calif.—Officials of the Western Dairy Council are completing the purchase of a building in San Diego to house the city's first union-managed dairy delivery, according to an announcement made at the headquarters of the Teamsters Local No. 542, A. F. of L. affiliate.

According to the plan the necessary funds are furnished by the Western Dairy Council with the plant operated by members of Milk Drivers and Dairy Employees Local No. 683.

Larry Smith, Western Dairy Council organizer, said the move to operate a union dairy delivery, with members of the union operating the establishment, was undertaken with the backing of the Pacific Coast Teamsters' organization because anti-union activity in the dairy industry here had prevented unionization of milk driv-

The industry is full of schemes, and short-handed men badly needed by these processors have been forestalled by anti-union legislation. The result is that union membership of a dairy by union members is permitted to be the only way a farmer can get a better price for his milk to San Dugman who wish it.

Officers of the union stated that "there are 284 meat, fish and poultry markets, together with 2875 restaurants, cafes and lunch stands, which must be inspected—and the health department personnel is limited to five men who find it difficult to inspect these establishments regularly."

"Under the plan indorsed by the Butchers' Union," they declared, "sufficient funds to enlarge the personnel may be raised through a 75-cent monthly health assessment. This will

insure an adequate inspection of meats and will form a more effective protection to the public health. Any body handling food products should have enough interest in public welfare to pay 75 cents a month to insure healthful conditions and clean, modern conditions throughout the retail meat industry."

PERU WHEEL COMPANY SIGNS 3-YEAR PACT

Peru, Ill. (AFLWNS).—Following discussions extending over a number of weeks, the Wheel Workers Local Union, A. F. of L. affiliate, negotiated a three-year agreement with the Peru Wheel Company covering working conditions for its

Although wage rates are not included, the agreement is phrased so that conferences on this subject may be initiated at any time.

One week's vacation with pay was provided in the agreement.

TUCSON TEAMSTERS WIN CLOSED SHOP CONTRACT

Tucson, Ariz. (AFLWNS).—Officials of the Tucson Teamsters Union announced the signing of a closed shop agreement with the Arizona Home Supply covering over 50 workers. The firm is said to be one of the largest furniture concerns in Ari-

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